

BLUE MOUNTAIN UNION SCHOOL
Community Relations Committee
Garvin Library
November 4, 2015

Present:

Board Members: Paul Hazel, Judy Murray, Julie Oliver, Nicole Guida, Sara Dennis

Administration: Emilie Kinsley

Other:

I. Meeting called to order at 5:33 PM by Judy Murray
Motion by Julie seconded by Paul to accept the minutes of the October 2, 2015 CRC meeting.
Motion approved with one abstention (Nicole).

- Reviewed Board insert for the November Newsletter
- Editorial calendar
 - Newsletter deadlines
 - November 12th – Reviewed and approved by Emilie, sent to Tracy
 - December 10th
 - Updates from Administration reports
 - Request Donna provide a short piece on co-teacher efforts
 - January 21st
 - Updates from Administration reports
 - Budget audit
 - Initial 2016-2017 budget information
 - Status of State imposed budget caps
- Board packet on the website
 - Promote availability of the packet on the BMU in the News FB page –
 - Tracy is posting information on the meetings
 - Asked for stats on number of visitors to the Board Packet webpage to see if this is a resource the community is utilizing
 - 22 people accessed the packet in September
 - John Munson did note that there is more traffic to items that are posted on the front page of the BMU website.
 - The CRC would like to run a pilot test to see if posting a icon/image on the front page of the website that links to the Board packets would increase people accessing the packets.
 - Emilie asked John if this would be possible
- Electronic Bulletin Board status
 - No news yet – Paul to follow-up
- Brainstorm ideas for supporting parents to increase reading with their kids
 - Literacy Night is being planned for March 2016. Discussed the possibility of pulling together a panel of experts, much like we did for the Hungry Heart movie, to talk about the importance of reading to kids in their preparation for school and life.
 - Will ask Mrs. Coburn to the next CRC meeting
 - Possible groups to reach out to:

- Letsgrowkids.org – presented a program on early childhood development at the BMU Grange in October – Judy to follow-up
- Modern Woodman matching donation program – Julie to follow-up
- Silvan Learning Center book adventure – Julie to follow-up
- Local Libraries – Judy to follow-up
- Internal ideas
 - “Book Bucks” to be spent at the school store
- Communication efforts with the community
 - Recommend Board sent a letter to all tax payers in the district addressing questions regarding Dr. Miles: Information on the severance package; net savings to the school; and the plan going forward for administration.
 - Questions not directly related to school business should be directed to the people involved or to the appropriate town.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Judy Murray, Paul Hazel, Julie Oliver

The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Community Relations Committee at a subsequent meeting.